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SUBJECT:PRESS RELEASE ON INCREASED ECONOMIC ASSISTANCE

1. FINANCE MINISTER SALGADO ZENHA IS SCHEDULED TO MEET WITH THE SECRETARY AT 1500 HOURS, TUESDAY, MARCH 16. AT CONCLUSION OF THAT MEETING, A PRESS RELEASE WILL BE ISSUED ANNOUNCING A \$40 MILLION INCREASE IN US ECONOMIC ASSISTANCE (FROM \$200 MILLION ANNOUNCED IN JANUARY TO \$240 MILLION NOW).

2. BEGIN FYI: THE ADDITIONAL \$40 MILLION CONSISTS OF \$35 MILLION IN CCC CREDITS (BRINGING TOTAL CCC TO \$50 MILLION -- INCLUDED IN JANUARY JOINT COMMISSION ANNOUNCEMENT PLUS \$5 MILLION PL 480 (BRINGING TOTAL PL 480 TO \$20 MILLION).

3. BECAUSE OF ANTI-SOCIALIST SENSITIVITIES ECHOED BY  
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SA CARNEIRO DURING HIS WASHINGTON VISIT, WE HAVE STRESSED

IN OUR PRESS RELEASE THE GOVERNMENT (RATHER THAN PARTY)  
ASPECTS OF THE SALGADO ZENHA VISIT, E.G. REFERRING TO HIM  
BY TITLE RATHER THAN BY NAME. END FYI.

4. BEGIN TEXT: AT THE CONCLUSION OF A MEETING TODAY  
BETWEEN THE SECRETARY OF STATE AND THE PORTUGUESE MINISTER  
OF FINANCE, IT WAS ANNOUNCED THAT THE UNITED STATES WOULD

INCREASE ITS PROGRAM OF ECONOMIC ASSISTANCE TO PORTUGAL  
BY \$40 MILLION TO A NEW TOTAL OF \$240 MILLION OVER THE  
NEXT 12 TO 18 MONTHS, IF CONGRESS APPROVES. THIS  
ASSISTANCE IS TO SUPPORT PORTUGAL'S ECONOMIC RECOVERY  
WHILE THE COUNTRY CONTINUES ITS PROGRESS TOWARDS DEMOCRA-  
TIC GOVERNMENT AND ECONOMIC STABILITY. THAT PORTION OF  
THE ASSISTANCE REQUIRING CONGRESSIONAL APPROVAL HAS  
ALREADY BEEN SENT TO THE CONGRESS IN BUDGET REQUESTS  
FOR FY 76 AND 77.

THE \$240 MILLION INCLUDES DEVELOPMENT LOANS AND TECHNICAL  
ASSISTANCE GRANTS, PL 480 LOANS, HOUSING INVESTMENT  
GUARANTEES AND AGRICULTURAL COMMODITY IMPORTS ARRANGED  
THROUGH THE COMMODITY CREDIT CORPORATION, AS WELL AS  
A \$35 MILLION GRANT TO ASSIST IN THE RESETTLEMENT  
AND RELIEF OF PORTUGUESE NATIONALS FROM AFRICA. KISSINGER

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